SHORT NOTICE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Prosecution against the Directors of the Travancore National and Quilon Bank.

2. *MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI : (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) who conducted the prosecution against the Directors of the Travancore National and Quilon Bank case before the District Magistrate ;

(*b*) who paid for the special prosecutor engaged for the purpose ;

( ) what is the amount paid ;

(*d*) whether the accused have been committed to the Sessions ;

(*e*) if so whether Government propose to engage any special prosecutor from outside ; and

(*f*) whether they have considered the cost of it ?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: (*a*) The Liquidator of the Bank with the sanction of the Court, appointed Mr. Nugent Grant, Bar-at-law and Mr. Jones of the Firm of Messrs. King and Partridge, Madras, to conduct the case in the initial stage.

(*b*) They were paid out of the Bank funds.

(*c*) It has been ascertained that Rs. 1,500 a day was paid to both.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) The question is under consideration especially as Government which is responsible for the conduct of the prosecution will have to defray the charges from the time of the commital.

(*f*) The cost will be more or less the same as has been incurred by the Bank at present, unless the Government make up their mind to make use of their own law officers for the purpose.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNAN : May I know whether Government were responsible for the conduct of the prosecution, in the initial stages also?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : No Sir.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Camaren road in Quilon.

1. **MR. P. S. MUHAMMED :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have any information regarding the present condition of Camaren road in Quilon ;

(*b*) whether the road is narrow and is running along the bank of the canal :

(*c*) whether there is no wall or any structure on the bank of the canal for preventing passers by and vehicles from falling into the canal ; and

(*d*) whether several accidents of fall to the canal from the road occurred ?

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MR. S. SESHA AIYAR: (*a*) The road requires improvements by widening and protective works.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) There is no information of any accident.

Fishermen in the Quilon town.

2. **MR. P. S. MUHAMMED:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they know that there is a large number of fishermen and fish-traders carrying on their occupation in the Quilon town;

(*b*) whether they have been given any kind of convenience for carrying on their industry and trade; and

(*c*) if so, the nature of the convenience?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) A Fish Curing Yard has been opened at Neendakara which is only about two miles from Quilon to which the fishermen or fish-traders can carry their catches and cure them.

Fish exported from Quilon.

3. **MR. P. S. MUHAMMED:** Will the Government be pleased to state the quantity of fish exported every year from the port of Quilon?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: There was no export of fish through the Quilon Port during the last five years.

Muslim Hostel.

4. **MR. P. S. MUHAMMED:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Muslim hostel is running at present;

(*b*) if, so, whether the hostel is receiving grant;

(*c*) if not, whether the warden of the hostel is undergoing great hardships;

(*d*) whether the warden has applied for reviewing the order of the Government cancelling the sanction of grant for the hostel;

(*e*) whether the cancellation of the sanction of the grant was done behind the back of the warden;

(*f*) whether no explanation was called for, for cancelling the sanction of grant; and

(*g*) whether the Government have taken any action on the petition of the warden?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Pro-Vice-Chancellor*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) Yes.

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